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public hearings have not been requested would be handled as all bills on General File." Now, the Chair would rule, therefore, under these rules and as I read them that he is within, as I understand it, the five days. If he is within the five days, and I haven't checked the date when LB1052 was introduced. If he's within that time, then he's making his request and as one senator, under the rules, he has the right to request that and he...it would be so ordered.

SENATOR KENNEDY: I think Senator.....

CLERK: The bill was referred to General File on March 6.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Senator John DeCamp, I think, can answer it. He said he looked it up and he knows he's wrong and I appreciate that attorney's advice.

PRESIDENT: All right, thank you, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Wait, Mr. President, when was the date it was referred to...when was the day it was bracketed?

CLERK: March 6.

SENATOR DE CAMP: March 6 and today is the 16th. Well, everybody knows 6 and 5 is 16, I mean.....Mr. President, then I would make the motion that it be referred to a committee. I think it is of vital importance since this affects mental health for Northeast Nebraska so directly that we do have a public hearing and determine how far we should go with this bill. It's a subject that's come up before and it's most important we have a public hearing on it.

PRESIDENT: All right, I finally caught up with you now. And here we are. Very good. Senator Kennedy, we now have a motion before the house and that is that LB1052 be referred to a committee for hearing. Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes...and as brief as possible and we've discussed this so many times and I think back to Governor Tiemann's time and the hours and I hope Senator DeCamp has spent some hours researching and doing some of the same things. We have a problem. And the way to solve a problem is to do it the best way feasible. I've tried to think positive in what attempt is being made here. And I'd like to report as I did very seriously the other day, it took some doings to get the veterans to establish quarters in Northeast Nebraska. And I think some of you were here when I requested that and it took some definite planning. Not rush planning but some definite planning and in that attempt, we have been able to establish the veterans that can be put into the Northeast Nebraska area somewhere near their friends and folks. And it has worked as was planned six years ago, four years ago and two years ago. We have added to that facility with that intent. Now the reason for that was so that Northeast Nebraska Regional Center would not be closed and I say....would not be closed.....and I'm still saying that again. That the intent was to occupy the buildings mainly because if the buildings are not occupied and not used, so we used the buildings that were most easily constructed or re-constructed and part of those buildings, two of them are now occupied to veterans. They are filled but the veterans now have more people coming and the plan was that when that happened, that this particular building that we were asking to be transferred would be available.